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SUBJ: EGYPT AIR HIJACKING

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1. CAIRO SECURITY CHIEF GENERAL FUAD FARID TOLD EMBOFF  
THAT GOVERNOR OF ASWAN CONDUCTED INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
HIJACKERS OVER REFUELING UNTIL ARRIVAL PM SALIM WHO TOOK  
CHARGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. GOE PRESENTLY BELIEVES THERE ARE  
SEVEN HIJACKERS INCLUDING LIBYAN, PALESTINIANS AND ALGERIANS.  
BASED ON MANIFEST, THERE ARE INVESTIGATING PASSENGERS THROUGH  
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HOTELS AND TOURIST AGENCIES. THEY HAD NO SPECIFIC WARNING NOR

OTHER EVIDENCE TO GO ON. ARMS CARRIED BY HIJACKERS UNKNOWN. GOE SUSPECTS LIBYAN INSTIGATION WITH POSSIBLY PFLP OR OTHER PALESTINIAN INVOLVEMENT. SADAT HAS NOT YET MADE DECISION ON HOW TO REACT SINCE DEMANDS NOT KNOWN. FARID CONFIRMED MILITARY HAS SURROUNDED PLANE WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT. HE SAID IN CONFIDENCE THAT TWO EGYPTIAN MILITARY OFFICERS WERE ON PLANE, BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE IF THEY ARMED.

2. RADIO CAIRO MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN NEWS BROADCAST AT 1430 LOCAL:

"AT 0715 THIS MORNING EGYPTIAN PASSENGER PLANE OF MISR AIR LEFT CAIRO ON TRIP TO ASWAN CARRYING 96 PASSENGERS WHO ARE MAINLY JAPANESE AND FRENCH. BEFORE ARRIVAL OF PLANE PILOT SENT MESSAGE THAT SEVEN PERSONS WHO ARE LIBYANS ALGERIAN AND PALESTINIANS WERE TRYING TO HIJACK THE PLANE AND ASKED HIM TO CHANGE ITS ROUTE AND GO TO LIBYA. PILOT TOLD THEM THAT PLANE CANNOT CONTINUE ITS TRIP UNLESS IT REFUELS IN LUXOR AIRPORT. THE PLANE LANDED AT LUXOR AIRPORT. RADIO HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM MINISTER OF INTERIOR: " WITH REGARD TO THE HIJACKING OF THE EGYPTIAN PASSENGER PLANE CARRYING TOURISTS FROM DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES, THE HIJACKERS HAVE MADE A STATEMENT READ OUT BY THE LEADER OF THE GROUP WHO SAID HE WAS OF LIBYAN NATIONALITY AND THAT HE BELONGS TO A NEW ORGANIZATION CALLED ABDUL NASSER ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION COMPRISES LIBYANS, PALESTINIANS AND ALGERIANS. THE LEADER OF THE GROUP GAVE THE DEMANDS OF THE HIJACKERS AS FOLLOWS: A) RELEASE OF THE THREE LIBYAN CITIZENS CONVICTED IN THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF RCC MEMBER UMAR MUHAYSHI (CAIRO 9410); B) RELEASE OF BOTH SALAH'ISA, DIRECTOR OF SOUTH YEMEN AIRLINE CO. IN CAIRO, AND THE PALESTINIAN MOHAMED AL'AMARI WHO ARE ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTIN TO ASSINATE FORMER PM OF YEMEN MOHAMED ALI HAYTHAM (CAIRO 10702). THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW MAKING A STUDY OF THESE DEMANDS AND CONTACTS ARE STILL UNDERWAY WITH THE GROUP OF HIJACKERS TO REACH A SOLUTION WHICH GUARANTEES THE SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS".

3. CAIRO RADIO DID NOT CARRY BBC REPORT THAT HIJACKERS HAVE THREATENED TO BLOW UP PLANE IF THEY NOT REFUELED AND PERMITTED TO GO ON TO LIBYA.

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4. IN ADDITION TO UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN WORKING AT QUS SUGAR FACTORY THAT EL-BAZ TOLD US ABOUT, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE TWO ADDITIONAL AMCITS WHO ARE ON PLANE. ACCORDING TO MANIFEST M AND N GREENE WERE ON PLANE. LAST WEEK DR. AND MRS. ARNOLD GREENE OF 16946 BURBANK BLVD, ENCINO, CALIFORNIA 91316, PPT NO. 639246 REGISTERED AS TRANSIENTS AT CONSULATE

AND SAID THEY WERE MAKING ONE DAY TRIP TO LUXOR  
AUGUST 23 AND GOING TO AMMAN AUGUST 24. EL BAZ HAS  
BEEN INFORMED THAT THESE TWO ADDITIONA AMCITS MAY BE  
ON PLANE. WE ARE CHECKING MANIFEST AGAINST CONSULAR  
FILES TO SEE IF OTHER AMERICANS MAY BE ON IT.  
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